शैक्षिक संस्थाओं में आरक्षण सहित आरक्षण से संबंधित विभिन्न मुद्दों पर विचार करने के लिए राजनैतिक दलों के नेताओं की एक बैठक 14 जनवरी, 1995 को बुलाई थी। तथापि कुछ राज्यों में आसन्न चुनावों के कारण उस अवसर पर सभी मुद्दों पर विचार करना व्यवहार्य नहीं पाया गया। इस बैठक में केवल सिविल सेवा परीक्षा 1995 के संदर्भ में अन्य पिछड़े वर्ग के उम्मीदवारों को कुछ छूटें देने के सीमित मुद्दे पर ही चर्चा हुई थी। अन्य पिछड़े वर्गों को शैक्षिक संस्थाओं में आरक्षण सहित पिछड़े वर्गों से संबंधित विभिन्न मुद्दों पर विचार-विमर्श के लिए बैठक की कोई तारीख कल्याण मंत्री द्वारा निश्चित नहीं की गई है।

Handicapped rehabilitation programmes

1943. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the percentage of posts and appointments for the handicapped and include rehabilitation of the mentally handicapped persons under the purview of the handicapped rehabilitation programmes; and

(b) whether Government also have a scheme for providing self employment opportunities to the handicapped including the mentally retarded/handicapped persons, if so, the details in this regard and whether the programme involved the creation of a National Fund for development of the handicapped?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU): (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal to increase the existing percentage of reservation for handicapped in Government jobs.

(b) Government provide many facilities for promoting self-employment opportunities like telephone booths to handicapped persons, loan at differential rate of interest of 4 percent, allotment of Kiosks, vending stalls and booths, petrol pumps, gas dealership, kerosene oil dealership, etc. Under Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) handicapped persons in rural areas are also eligible for self-employment opportunities like poultry, fishery, dairy and other agro-based activities.

Besides, a proposal to set up a National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation is also under consideration. The main objectives of the Corporation would be to promote economic and developmental activities and self-employment opportunities for the handicapped persons. A token provision of Rs. one crore has been made in th plan budget for the year 1995-96.

(The Deputy Chairman in the Chair)

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting Answer to Starred Questions 259 answered on 23rd December 1994 regarding probe into skipper scandal.

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): Madam, in the statement referred to in reply to Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 259, answered on 23-12-1994, regarding the probe into Skipper scandal, asked by Shri Viren J. Shah and Shri Pramod Mahajan, in reply to parts (d) to (g) of the question, in lines 19 and 20, for the words—

> "However, the position of arrears of ground rent, *including* interest on delayed payment or ground rent,"

may be read as—

> "However the position of arrears of ground rent, *excluding* interest on delayed payment of ground rent."

2. The typographical mistake crept in inadvertently and the inconvenience caused to the Sabha is regretted.

3. The delay in making the statement occurred as the matter was under correspondence with the Rajya Sabha Secretariat.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report and accounts (1993-94) of Hindustan Prefab Ltd., New Delhi and National Institute of Urban Affairs New Delhi

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): Madam, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Forty-first Annual Report and Accounts of the Hindustan Prefab Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1993-94, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Company. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—7016/95]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Urban Affairs. New Delhi for the year 1993-94, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

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(ii) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

Report and Accounts of 1993-94 of various Corporations and Institutes

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU): Madam, I lay on the Table—

I. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) (a) Fifth Annual Report and Accounts of the National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation, New Delhi, for the year 1993-94, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on ....the working of the above Corporation.

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(ii) (a) Twenty-first Annual Report and Accounts of the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India, Kanpur, for the year 1993-94, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.

(2) Statements (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

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II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) (a) Tenth Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped Secunderabad, for the year 1993-94, together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—6872/94.]